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Allegations against the President of Co-operative Stores in Tindivanam.

* 616 *Q.*—Sri M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any defalcation to the extent of Rs. 10,000 and more was reported against the President of the Co-operative Stores in Tindivanam;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the auditors disclosed the above defalcation; and

(*c*) in what stage the enquiry into the defalcation is?

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The auditor pointed out certain irregularities in the maintenance of the account of the stores.

" (*c*) The irregularities pointed out by the auditor have been investigated by the Deputy Registrar as a result of which the stores has filed five arbitration references against the ex-president and other office-bearers for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 10,261–0–10 in all, being the loss caused to the stores by them."

Recovery of cost of articles from the staff of King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 617 *Q.*—Sri M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount recovered from the salaries of nursing orderlies, totis, latchies, etc., for the month of January 1953 in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, for alleged loss of articles; and

(*b*) from how many it was recovered?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) Rs. 96–0–2.

" (*b*) The cost of missing linen was recovered from 43 nursing orderlies; 2 attendants (male and female); 24 totis (male and female); and 3 sweepers.

The cost of lost or broken articles of furniture, crockery and instruments was recovered from 15 nursing orderlies (male and female) and two female totis."

Lease by auction of certain poramboke lands in Nediyirup village, Ernad taluk.

* 618 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether poramboke lands in R.S. No. 562/1–12 in Nediyirup village, Ernad taluk, Malabar district, were leased in auction on 15th October 1952; and, if so, how many acres, to whom and for what amount?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The lands in R.S. No. 562/1, 2, 4 to 8, 10 to 12 in Nediyirup village, Ernad taluk, Malabar district, are not poramboke

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lands but are bought-in lands purchased by the Government. They were sold in auction on 25th October 1952. The site has not yet been confirmed.

" A statement[a] showing the extent of the lands sold, the names of the purchasers and the price fetched at the sale is placed on the table of the House."

Deep-sea fishing trawler for the use of the Government.

* 619 *Q.*—Dr. K. B. MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some two years ago the 'Malabar Fisheries' offered the use of a deep-sea fishing trawler for the use of the Government on rent; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, why the offer was not accepted?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) & (*b*) In the year 1950, a trawler 'Nautilus' of the Malabar Fishing Company at Cochin along with other vessels belonging to Messrs. Grunton & Co., Cochin, was inspected with a view to purchase them for giving training on Navigation to the students of the Fisheries Technological Station at Tuticorin. The vessel 'Nautilus' fas found to be an old one completely stripped of all trawling equipments and if purchased would have been a very costly one for maintenance as a fishing vessel. The Government had therefore to drop the proposal for the purchase of the vessel."

The Budameru diversion scheme.

* 620 *Q.*—Sri G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress so far made in respect of the preliminary enquiries of the Budameru diversion scheme in Krishna district;

(*b*) when it is expected to be completed; and

(*c*) what is the estimated cost of the work?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The preliminary investigation of the Budameru Diversion Scheme has been completed and the Superintending Engineer has submitted rough plans and approximate estimates to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) for scrutiny.

" (*c*) About Rs. 26,00,000 for works or Rs. 33,83,000 including direct and indirect charges."

[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 552 infra.